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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a fact that many Tamilians from Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli emigrated to Ceylon surreptitiously for want of employment in the State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Again, Sir, I cannot answer this question because this Government have no information on this matter.

Industrial Estate

* 325 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to establish an Industrial Estate at Vridhachalam; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) A scheme for the establishment of an industrial estate for ceramic industry at Vridhachalam, South Arcot district, has been sanctioned by the Government recently.

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY : இந்தத் தொழிற்பேட்டைகளைக் கோவையில் நிறுவுவதாக இருக்கிறதே, அது விஷயமாகத் தகவல் தெரியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அங்கே வைப்பதாக ஒரு யோசனை இருக்கிறது.

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY : எந்த இடத்தில் என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இப்போது வந்திருக்கிற அவர்களுடைய கோரிக்கைப்படி கோவையில் வைப்பதாக இருக்கிறது.

State Transport Department

* 326 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any driving experience has been prescribed as a qualification for appointment as drivers in the State Transport Department, and if so, what it is;

(*b*) whether there has been any reduction recently in the period of driving experience for the above appointment; and

(*c*) if so, what it is and the reasons for such reduction?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) *to* (*c*) Prior to 14th June 1961, a candidate for appointment as driver in the Madras State Transport Department should have three years experience in driving heavy motor vehicles, amongst other qualifications. This requirement has since been reduced to 18 months, as difficulties were experienced in getting the required number of